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## Press Release

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### **Fatal Hit and Run Traffic Collision – Pacific Coast Highway and 24<sup>th</sup> Street**

On Sunday, December 19, 2021, at approximately 6:41 p.m., the Huntington Beach Police Department (HBPD) responded to a report of an individual down in the roadway of Pacific Coast Highway, near 24<sup>th</sup> street.

Upon arrival, officers located a 66-year old male in the street whose injuries indicated he was struck by a motor vehicle. He was pronounced deceased at the scene. The driver involved in the collision fled the scene.

As the traffic investigation was underway at the scene, an adult female, identified as 39-year old Kimberly Burch of Surfside, approached officers stating she was the driver of the vehicle, a 2017 gray Jeep Grand Cherokee, that struck the deceased male. After being placed under arrest, it was discovered that her husband, 37-year old Daniel Burch of Surfside, was driving the Grand Cherokee and fled the scene after hitting the 66-year old male. Both were taken into custody. It is unknown at this time whether drugs or alcohol were a factor in the collision.

Based on the preliminary investigation, circumstances suggest that the pedestrian was in the roadway near Pacific Coast Highway and 24<sup>th</sup> Street when the Grand Cherokee struck the victim while going southbound on Pacific Coast Highway.

The collision investigation is ongoing and being conducted by the HBPD Multidisciplinary Accident Investigation Team (MAIT). Anyone who may have witnessed the collision or the events leading up to it is encouraged to contact HBPD Traffic Investigator D. Demetre at (714) 536-5670, or Investigator V. Rattanchandani at (714) 536-5231.